

SCHEMES OF THIEVES

TRICKS OF THOSE WHO OPERATE IN JEWELRY STORES.

The Way One Place Was Completely Cleaned Out—How Show Windows Are Broken—Getting a Safe That Was Seized to the Floor.

A number of jewelers were dining together and with the cigars the talk turned on jewelry thieves and their methods.

The first story was told of an individual who was seen loitering about the plate front window of a jewelry store. No particular attention was paid to the man at the time, but the clerks recalled the incident after the robbery. In this instance the man appeared a number of times in front of the store. One evening soon after dark there was a sudden crash, and a robber was actively engaged in scooping in jewels with a hooked stick. In thirty seconds he was done and away. Bystanders stood as if petrified until the man struck out at a run. Then the store people and the bystanders realized what had occurred and shouting "Thief!" started after the man.

The man dropped his bag. The pursuers stopped and seized the bag. They returned to the store with the bag in high glee, remarking incidentally that there was no need in chasing the thief because here were the goods. The proprietor of the store and all the clerks had followed, but, having farther to go than the crowd, were behind and were met by the people with the bag. Proudly the bag was opened. It contained a brick. The thief had dropped it to check the pursuit. Realizing the trick had succeeded, the crowd, headed by the salesmen and proprietor, went back to the store, only to discover that the window had been cleaned of stock and the counters were bare of a number of costly articles.

A policeman on duty said that after the proprietor and clerks of the store ran for the departing thief a neatly dressed gentleman, with all the airs of a member of the firm, gave directions to two other men to get the stuff out of the windows and told him (the officer) that this was being done as a precaution against theft while the window was broken. In some first class stores there is a regular danger signal arranged, and the men are drilled each week. When the danger goes sounds one man takes his place at the door, another at the telephone to send word to the police, another with ransacking quantities makes for the door in readiness to pursue, and so on.

Among other stories told were some relating to the tricks and devices of the jewelry thieves. The robber often works at night or sometimes during a crowd by cutting out a disk of glass near where some costly goods are shown. He may reach in and secure something and be off before detected if he is quick. Sometimes he has a long instrument hidden under his coat, so that he can reach in and pick up a watch. Often again he uses a simple stick with a slightly turned end, knocking into a ring.

The process of crushing in a plate front during the intervals of the patrol of the police, at the same time making no noise, is done by pasting cloth or heavy paper on the glass. A wood mallet is used, the hammer ends being securely bound up in a heavy wooden fabric stuffed with excelsior or kindred material. With this soft headed mallet it is possible to bang away noiselessly at the glass until the pane begins to crumble. Unless the plate is usually thick an opening can be made without much trouble.

In recent years jewelry thieves, like bank robbers, have rented quarters near the place they intended to rob and lived there long enough to study the situation. In one case a room was hired over a jewelry store and entrance effected to the store by means of a rope ladder dropped from the window of the room to a window leading to a hall in the store portion. In another case the bar spreader was used to open the bars of a window. This device consists of a spirally threaded shaft fitted into two blocks, with a central piece with a bar for turning. The blocks are adjusted between two bars, the central piece turned, whereupon the spiral shaft causes the blocks to expand sideways, forcing the bars open. Then the intruder can pass in.

A story was told of the removal of a safe in which the proprietor of a jewelry store was accustomed to put his costly stock each night. It was not a large safe, but exceedingly strong, and because of its light weight a number of bolts were put through the floor and connected with the safe bottom. The proprietor often said that thieves could not take the safe unless they took floor and all. Not long after the store was entered, and, behold, the thieves had sawed out the section of the floor to

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which the safe was fixed. The safe was bound up with rope, the latter passed under the separated section of flooring and, when the boards were sawed through, safe, floor and all were lowered into the basement and readily moved out through the basement door, put into an express wagon and carted off.—Jewelers' Circular-Weekly.

Harsh Measures. "Don't you occasionally have company at the house that bores you?" "Often, but we have a remedy. We always let our little Johnnie recite."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Defined. Teacher—Who knows what trippers are? Teacher's Pet—I know. Two twins and one left over.—Woman's Home Companion.

Idleness walks so slowly that poverty has no trouble in catching up with it.

A Ship's Speed. A ship's speed is reckoned by knots. A knot being a geographical mile, or one-sixtieth of a degree. Six geographical miles are about equal to seven statute miles, and a ship that sails 12 knots therefore is really moving at the rate of fourteen statute miles an hour. It should be remembered that it is incorrect to say so many "knots an hour," simply so many "knots," for a knot means "one mile an hour."

"Straggling" Him. A smart young fellow called out to a farmer who was sowing seed in his field. "Well done, old fellow. You sow, I reap the fruits." "Maybe you will," said the farmer, "for I'm sowing hemp."—Harper's Weekly.

Rails and Wires. "In early times the leading statesmen were those who split rails." "But we have none save wire fences today." "And the leaders are consequently those who pull wires."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

An Epitaph. In memory of our father: Gone join his appendix his tonsils his otitis, his kidney his ear drum and a leg prematurely removed by a hospital surgeon who craved the experience.—Newsboy's Magazine.

If you resolve to do right you will soon do wisely, but resolve only to do wisely and you will never do right.—Ruskin.

DIED.

WARREN—At St. James Hospital, April 21st, at 7:15 P. M., Miss Mary Eliza Warren, of Warrington, James City County, Va. Richmond, Norfolk and Edenton, N. C., papers please copy. 11

SCRIMGEOUR—At Sarah Leigh Hospital, Norfolk, Friday, April 20, 1906, at 8:50 P. M., WILLIAM SCRIMGEOUR, of 412 Harrison Street, Portsmouth, aged 69 years. Funeral from residence, THIS (Sunday) AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock. 11

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